



4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship and life skills.

### Lines from Lori:

FREEZING! I hope everyone is able to stay warm and safe, this cold and chilly winter. If you are out and about, dress warm!

This past month has flown by and we are getting ready for so many events here at the Extension Office. Please make sure you check out all of the information in the newsletter and on our website. I do not want you to miss out.

Conference Judging is returning to the State Fair! Please visit our website to read all about that and the other changes that are taking place at the state level. Any questions, just give me a call or drop me an email.

Just as a reminder, enrollments are due March 1<sup>st</sup>. Members need to be signed up for projects by April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please make sure your forms are in, so you don't miss out on showing projects at the fair.

On a final note, please check out the Show & Tell section of the newsletter. A special thanks to Jessica Tucker for acknowledging the "good-deed doers" in our 4-H clubs.

Have a great month!

Lori

### Greetings from our new County Director

It is my deepest honor to have been chosen as the new director of the Rock Island County Extension Unit. What an amazing institution, and what an exciting time to be joining the organization!

As I rearranged my new office and unpacked boxes, I found some tattered files full of notes and ideas, some much-beloved books, and a lamp for the office, some gifts from past colleagues, and some rocks, which I collect wherever I go.

Each day as I look around my office now, I see the lamp, the books, the rocks, and the gifts. Each item typically carries with it some fond memories. Ironically and joyfully, I am discovering that I am already creating fond memories with my new wonderful unit colleagues, volunteers and 4-H members. I am incredibly lucky to be amidst such compassionate, hard-working, creative, and enthusiastic people.

While it is great to reflect on ones past memories, I am equally excited about my new surroundings because the new environment provides a comfortable context for my old mementos. The old lamp aids in shedding light on each new project offered by our dedicated staff and volunteers. The rocks from afar are a reminder to stay grounded. The tattered files are in a new file drawer full of hope. The dog-eared books remind me to continue to seek wisdom from each page of life.

While one of my most cherished gifts is a clock...a gift of time...one of the most precious gifts anyone can share.

As Captain Jean-Luc Picard from the film "Star Trek: Generations" stated "Time is a companion that goes with us on a journey. It reminds us to cherish each moment because it will never come again. What we leave behind is not as important as how we have lived."

Thus, I invite you to stop by my office and sit for a moment so we may share a moment of time, or to ask a question, deal with a concern, or just say hello.

*Michael D. Woods, Ph.D.  
Director, Rock Island County  
University of Illinois Extension*

### 2008 Rain Garden Initiative Grant

This is a great opportunity for clubs looking for a 4-H Community Service Project. Rain gardens are blossoming across Illinois as a low-cost method of improving water quality while preventing flooding and drainage problems. These grants will assist schools and public organizations across Illinois in learning about the benefits of rain gardens. The program is sponsored by the Office of Lt. Governor Pat Quinn and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

For more information visit our website at [www.raingarden.il.gov](http://www.raingarden.il.gov). The application must be postmarked by **Friday, February 15, 2008** and sent to Jamie Caston, Office of Lt. Governor Pat Quinn, Re: IL Rain Garden Initiative, JRTC - 100 West Randolph St. Ste 15-200, Chicago, IL 60601.

Call Jamie at 312-814-6671 if you have any questions about the application or the grant. Grant awardees will be announced by February 25, 2008. Email: [Jamie.Caston@illinois.gov](mailto:Jamie.Caston@illinois.gov)

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# Extra Fun Programs!



## ***Beads! Beads! Beads!***

I love beads and making different types of bracelets! Join me for a fun day and learn how to make 4 different types of beaded bracelets. A professional instructor will spend the morning teaching us different techniques and styles.

Saturday, March 15, 2008 – 9 am to 12 pm – The Extension Office

Fee is \$15.00 per person plus the cost of beads. A supply list will be sent upon registration. Approximate cost of supplies ranges from \$12 to \$15. Space is limited. Register by March 7<sup>th</sup> online: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland/> or call the Extension Office at: (309)796-0512.

## ***4-H Night with the Flames***

Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:05 p.m. Tickets are just \$10 for Adults & \$5 for Kids (under 17! Upper bowl are just \$9 for Adults, \$5 for Kids (Prices are for groups of 10 or more) For more information contact the Extension Office or Olivia Heaton at the Flames (309) 277-1303

## ***Double Dunn Dreamcatcher's Line Dance and Taco Supper***

Friday, February 8, 2008 – 5 p.m. to 11 p.m. – Milan Community Center

Taco Supper (advanced tickets required) - \$4.00 each. Two hours of Professional Line Dance Lessons - \$6.00 in advance & \$7.00 at the door.

Contact Erin Hemm (309)-658-2290 or Tina Dunn (309) 796-1111

## ***Radon Poster Contest***

Did you know that Radon is a colorless, odorless, tasteless, radioactive gas that can cause lung cancer? Fifty percent of Illinois counties are at high risk. Clubs can learn about radon and how to reduce the risk.

Youth ages 9-14 can participate in the Nation Radon Poster Contest. For additional information and complete contest rules, log on to: <http://www.takeactiononradon.uiuc.edu/moreinfo.html> or call me at the Extension Office. Leaders will also have information regarding the contest.

## ***Nursery School for Kids***

The Master Gardner's Nursery School Program for Kids is Saturday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the i wireless Center, Moline, IL. The program is designed for youth 8 to 18. The cost is \$25 and includes lunch, snacks and supplies. Register by February 16<sup>th</sup> online: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland/> or call the Extension Office at: (309)796-0512.

## SHOW AND TELL

# 4-H Club full of good-deed doers

Jessica Tucker submitted this item about local teens who have helped make a difference in their community:

I recently read where South of 20 was looking for teens doing good things. I belong to a 4-H group. Those who do not know about 4-H should check us out.

The 4-H creed states: "I believe in my country, my state, and my community, and in my responsibility for their development." This is taken from The Illinois Clover, our guide.

In my club, The Buccaneers, we have many members. Our ages range

### Done Good

from 8 to 17. We are "good-deed doers."

Our club has done the following activities: collected canned goods for a local food pantry, wrapped donated stuffed animals to be distributed to area charities, collected toys for Toys for Tots, and planted flowers at Oak Glen Nursing Home.

These are just examples of what a 4-H Club does. You see, it isn't just the Buccaneers who do such things for the community.

So next time people get fed up with

the youth of our society, I hope they will remember there are clubs out there that promote community involvement for our preteens and teens.

Do you have a story about a hometown hero to share? South of 20 wants to hear about kids who are 'good-deed doers.' Send your stories to [southof20@qconline.com](mailto:southof20@qconline.com). Include a photo if you like (a high-res JPEG, please), and we'll use it if space allows. You also may mail submissions to Done Good, c/o South of 20, The Rock Island Argus, 1724 4th Ave., Rock Island, IL 61201.



# 4-H Tidbits

## ***Are you an Aspiring Writer?***

If you like to write and are enrolled in any of the Horticulture or Floriculture Projects, then I have a job for you. The Master Gardener's have their bi-monthly newsletter, "***DIG IT,***" and are looking for 4-H members to contribute an article for their newsletter. The article needs to be about your Horticulture or Floriculture 4-H project and what you have learned from it. You may also include your interests in gardening or any other ideas you may have, relating to the horticulture field. Your pay is 50 club points that will be added to your club total. We need 6 writers, one article per newsletter. This is on a first come first serve basis. If you are interested, please call me at the Extension Office.

## ***Help Teen Federation Help Ronald McDonald House!***

The Ronald McDonald House needs your help! By collecting pop tabs and donating them, you are providing money for needy families and children. So the Teen Federation will be awarding a pizza party to the club that turns in the most pop tabs (by weight) to the Extension office by March 1<sup>st</sup>. Make sure to label the pop tabs you are dropping off, so they are recorded with the right club. 10 club points will be rewarded per pound donated. In March, the Teen Federation will be preparing a meal to serve to families at the Ronald McDonald House in Iowa City. We would like to bring them items from their wish list, and we need your help! Here is a list of items that we are collecting: household cleaning supplies, 8 oz cups, Swiffers, toothpaste and toothbrushes, canned food, cereal, baking mixes, gift cards (to places like Ace Hardware, Target, Hy-Vee, Fareway, Wal-Mart), and phone cards. Donations will be taken until March 1<sup>st</sup>. Clubs who participate and make a donation will receive 50 Club points (max). If you have any questions, feel free to call Jen at the Extension office, and remember, we are always looking for Teen Federation members as well!

## ***Teen Federation Seeking Members!***

Are you a 4-H'er age 13-18 who would like to be more involved? Consider joining Teen Federation! This group meets monthly with the purpose of promoting 4-H, and planning community service and fun activities that involve 4-H clubs from throughout the county! The next meeting will be January 29th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Extension office. The following meeting will be on February 26<sup>th</sup>. If you would like more information, call Jen at the Extension office, 796-0512 or e-mail holldorf@uiuc.edu

## ***UPC - Ultimate Project Challenge!***

Join youth from across Illinois at the **Ultimate Project Challenge** on Saturday, March 15 from 9:45 am – 3:30 pm on the University of Illinois campus in – Urbana-Champaign. Cost for the event is \$15 and open to all teens, ages 13 – 18. Fee includes lunch, program materials and a conference t-shirt. Conference participants will choose an event in which to compete and then work in groups to complete a challenge. Events include solar powered cars,

geocaching, food, modeling, fashion design, photography, wind energy, floral design and art. Each event is led by an "expert" in the field. Learn more about an area that interests you, make new friends and see if you are up to the challenge! Registration materials are available at the Extension Office. Give me a call.

## **Reminders**

### ***Fairbook Cover Contest***

We need more entries! I know we have some very talented 4-Hers. It is not too late to put your creativity to work and submit a cover.

Entries **MUST** be received by Tuesday, February 19, 2008. Voting will be done via the Extension website. Ten club points will be awarded for each entry (maximum 100 points per club).



### ***SMART Bus Needs Your Help!***

Donate your slightly used or new books to the Smart Bus. We have received many awesome books so far! We will continue to accept donated books through March. Books may be dropped off at the Extension Office. **Clubs that participate will receive a club point for each book donated.** Please call Lori with any questions.

## **Club Reports**

### **Rural Go Getters**

Submitted by: Zach Meyers

The Rural Go Getters had a meeting on Wednesday, January 16. Kaitlyn had a talk about her dog, Phoebe. We are in second place for club points. We worked on our project records. Pat asked us to think about what we wanted to do at other meetings. Refreshments were brought by Brian and Kevan; thank you.

### **Kountry Kids 4-H Club**

The Kountry Kids met on January 21st at 6:30. We went over old business and went thru new business. We are gearing up for the geranium sale. We also are selling coupon cards for Papa Murphy's pizza to help raise money to donate to the local humane society. There were demonstrations given by Allison, Cali, Lucas, and Sarah. We discussed the fact that anyone showing animals at the fair needed to get their farm registry taken care of. We will meet again on February 18th.

# Club Reports

## **Buccaneers**

Submitted by: Jessica Tucker

Our January meeting was held at Channel 8. Those that missed the last meeting received their re-enrollment forms. We also received our project sign-up sheets. Those who had them, turned in the Fair book covers and books for the Smart bus. We discussed when to have our next few meetings. We have them all planned through July. We also discussed a new fund raiser for the club. A count of how many wish to attend the Flames game was taken. All money needs to go to Sue Armstrong and she will pick up the tickets. An article, about 4-H, that appeared in the paper was read. Also, all the thank yous we received from our stuffed animal give-away, were read. Volunteer opportunities for the New Kingdom Trailriders were also discussed. We had a couple of guests at the meeting. Amanda Clark is thinking about joining the club. Lori Tharp was also our guest. Thanks to both of you for attending. Our next meeting will be held at Snowstar on Feb. 17th at 1:00. Be prepared for some tubing!!!

## **Prairie Ramblers 4-H Club**

Submitted by: Jordan Hall

Our December meeting / Christmas party was finally held on the 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM at the Playmor Lanes in Muscatine. Our first meeting was supposed to be held on December 1<sup>st</sup>, but we postponed the meeting because of the ice storm. Everyone had a great time bowling. The 4-Hers were asked to bring a \$10.00 gift to exchange. We drew numbers to decide who would pick the first present, and so on. If you didn't like the presents that were left, you could go and take someone else's present. After everyone was happy with their package, we opened them.

We discussed going to see the QC Flame and most everyone was in favor of going. We also talked about our January meeting and considered the idea of going sledding in January weather permitting, of course.

## **Prairie Ramblers 4-H Club**

By Jordan Hall

Our January meeting was held on the 17<sup>th</sup> at County Line Agri-Service. We opened the meeting by saying the pledges. Derek Reed led us with the Pledge of Allegiances and Taylor Johnson with the 4-H pledge. There wasn't any old business to discuss, so we moved right on to new business. We decided that as a club, we would attend the Quad City Flame game and we would also do the Teddy Bear Toss. We also discussed the geranium sale again and decided to sell them again this year. Sale sheets were to be e-mailed to everyone. We talked about doing a community service and it was decided to help the animals at the Quad City Animal Welfare Center. A wish list was handed out to all the members. We will have until our March meeting to collect items. We will meet at the animal shelter for our March meeting.

We had two demonstrations. Brianna Gorham brought her three-month-old puppy, Phoebe. She was born on October 13 in Keoda IA. Derek Read followed with a talk about his pet rock he had made in Science class. He

told us that it was sandstone and he named it Jeff. Thanks to the Olsons and the Anders for treats and snack. At the end of our meeting, we all made fair book covers.

## **Sun Shiners 4-H Club**

The Sun Shiners met at the Sallows' home on December 20, 2007. Five members were present, with Mary absent. Minutes from the November meeting were approved. Project books were handed out and names were drawn for next month's secret birthday gift exchange. We made a Christmas ornament craft and played in the snow. Snacks were brought by all the families. Our next meeting will be January 11, 2008, at the Sallows' home.

## **Club Clovers**

Submitted by: Eleanor Stout

The Club Clovers had a meeting on December 3rd, 2007 at the East Moline Public Library at 6 p.m. Jessica took the attendance. Eleanor did the Pledge of Allegiance and Ashleigh did the 4-H pledge. We then talked about projects we could do at the meetings. Then we started talking about doing some kind of a fundraiser. Our ideas consisted of hand-made frames, cookie/ bake sale, a yard sale, or a jewelry sale. We then talked about places we could call to host our fundraiser ideas and we came up with the mall, Hy-Vee, Walmart, and K-Mart. Our next meeting is on January 7, 2008 at the East Moline Public Library at 6 p.m.

The Club Clovers had a meeting on January 7, 2008, at the East Moline Public Library at 6 p.m. Clara did the Pledge of Allegiance and Ashleigh did the 4-H pledge. Then Jessica did the roll call. Eleanor read the minutes and everyone approved. Our old business consisted of places for a bake sale. Our new business was club goals. We came up with money earning, community service, helping ourselves, completing a project, helping each other with projects, recruitment, and club shirts. Then we got a packet explaining all the awards that we could earn. Then we went over the 4-H night with the Flames. Our announcements included the pop tab drive for the Ronald McDonald House. We finally came up with a fundraiser and it's selling candy bars for \$1. We had a treat sign-up and a demonstration sign-up. Eleanor told us about the Fairbook Cover Contest and everyone voted on doing it at the next meeting. Then Cody led us in a game called New Years Resolution. Last we had treats and were dismissed. Our next meeting is January 28, 2008 at the East Moline Public Library at 6 p.m.

The Club Clovers met on January 28, 2008, at the East Moline Public Library at 6 p.m. Cody did the Pledge of Allegiance and Clara did the 4-H pledge. Then Sarah and Jessica went over the roll call. Eleanor went over our last meeting and we all agreed. We then got a phone list for everyone and the dates of upcoming meetings and who has treats or a demonstration that meeting. Eleanor then went over the QC Flames game on the 16th and explained how we would get club points. We then got our boxes of candy bars that we are supposed to sell. Then we all designed a cover for the Fairbook with the theme "4-H... We're In a Town Near You." Lori showed us how to do a talk/demonstration with cupcakes. We then had treats and our meeting was dismissed. Our next meeting is on February 11, 2008 at 6 p.m. at the East Moline Public Library.

# Animal Science

## Changes/Notices Regarding the 2008 Illinois State Fair Animal Exhibits

**Note:** This list is only a NOTICE of changes that have been made regarding various animal exhibits at the State Fair. Local Extension staff, Vocational Agriculture instructors, and exhibitors and their families should read *complete* rules and regulations included in the 2008 ISF Jr. Department Premium book once printed copies are received or the book is posted on the ISF website: <http://www.illinoisstatefair.info/>.

- Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification will be required for State Fair **POULTRY** junior exhibitors, starting in 2008. Deadline for certification is July 1, 2008 for the 2008 Illinois State Fair.
- The Quality Assurance & Ethics Certification website should be available **February 1, 2008**. The website address is: <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/qaec/> All State Fair beef, sheep, swine, horse, dairy, meat goat **AND POULTRY** exhibitors are required to *complete* QA&E Certification via this site. (A new section on Poultry is being added to the site.) Certification need only be done once. Certification deadlines for 2008 are June 9 for horse exhibitors and July 1 for other species' exhibitors.
- The Jr. Market Lamb show is being moved to Friday, August 8. The Jr. Breeding Sheep show is scheduled for Sunday, August 10.
- **Beginning with the 2008 Illinois State Fair, all junior exhibitors will need to pay entry fees for any/all animals entered.** Fees will be due with class entries – June 9 for Horses; July 1 for all other livestock; August 1 for Dogs. Fees are allocated as follows:
  - Beef, Dairy, Horses -- \$10.00 per head
  - Sheep, Swine, Goats -- \$2.50 per head
  - Dogs -- \$2.00 per dog
  - Poultry, Rabbits -- \$1.00 per head
- Premises Identification numbers will be required for all animal entries to the Illinois State Fair. In the Junior Department, this includes the following species: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Rabbits, Poultry, Dairy, Goats, and Horses.
- State Fair Dog Show is scheduled for Sunday, August 24.

**ALL State Fair changes may also be seen on our website at:** <http://web.extension.uiuc.edu/rockisland/4Hshows/downloads.html>

### ***4-H Livestock Judging Contest***

Hosted by the University of Illinois Extension-McDonough County Office, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2008 – 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon – WIU Livestock Pavilion. The contest is open to any current 4-H member. Registration fee is \$5.00 and begins at 8:00 a.m.. There will be 9 classes: 3 beef, 3 swine, 2 sheep and 1 questions class. Pre-registration is required by February 29<sup>th</sup>. Email Connie at: [cmuption@uiuc.edu](mailto:cmuption@uiuc.edu) to register or call (309) 837-3939.

### ***State 4-H Horse Contest***

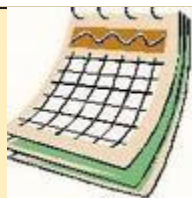
**The dates for the State 4H horse contest have been set for April 19 & 20th.** April 19's activities include the speech contest & Hippology. Horse Bowl will be on April 20. Hipp & HB entries are due February 25, 2008. For more information log onto: <http://www.livestocktrail.uiuc.edu/horsenet/events.cfm>. In addition, all of the updated 4-H Contest Rules and registration forms are available for download at Illini Horsenet: <http://www.livestocktrail.uiuc.edu/horsenet/paperTopic.cfm?TopicID=122>

### **Illinois State Horse Judges Seminar Featuring: Dr. Robert Mowrey**

The annual Illinois State Horse Judges Seminar has been scheduled for April 12, 2008 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the University of Illinois. Registration and classroom instruction will be in room 150 Animal Science Lab, 1207 W. Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL.

This seminar is open to all youth and open horse show judges, potential judges, exhibitors and spectators of horse events. It is designed to encourage uniform standards for judging and exhibiting horses at Illinois youth and open shows, and to yield a directory of judges for show committees. Fees for this seminar are \$15 for youth (under 18 years), \$25 for adults and \$40 for adults wishing to take the written and live judging exam for listing in the Illinois Horse Judge's Directory. For more

## Calendar of Events



February 8 – Double Dunn’s Line Dance and Taco Dinner – 5 pm  
 February 16 – Quad City Flames 4-H Night – 7:00 pm  
 February 19 – FairBook Covers Due – Extension Office  
 March 1 – Enrollments Due – Extension Office  
 March 15 – Beading Workshop – 9 a.m. to 12 noon  
 April 1 – Project Enrollments Due – Extension Office  
 April 5 – NW Regional Horsebowl & Hippology Contest - Aledo  
 July 15-20 – Rock Island County Fair - “4-H... We’re in a Town Near You!”

If you need a reasonable accommodation to participate in an Extension program, please contact Rock Island County Extension (309) 796-0512. University of Illinois Extension provides equal opportunities in programs and employment. University of Illinois-USDA-Local Extension Councils Cooperating

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**Program Coordinator**, Youth & Family, Jennifer Holldorf  
**Community Worker**, Lori Tharp  
**4-H Secretary**, Sue Reilly  
 The 4-H Name and Emblem are protected under 18 USC 707.

## Club Points:

Zuma Zippers	865
Prairie Ramblers	865
Rural Go Getters	800
Edgington Go Getters	730
Hayburners	690
Buccaneers	680
Rural True Blues	535
Club Clovers	405
Double Dunn Dream Catchers	385
Magical Muggles	350
Sun Shiners	200
Rockridge Royals	140
Kountry Kids	140
Country Clovers	120
Adventurers	50
County Line Cloverbuds	50

## Club Point Opportunities:

Invite Lori to a Meeting – 100 pts.  
 4-H Night with QC Flames – 100 pts.  
 Club Reports – 50 pts.  
 Show & Tell – 20 pts.  
 SMART Bus Book Donation – 1 pt. per book.  
 Pop tabs – 10 pts. per pound.  
 Ronald McDonald House Donations – 50 Club Points  
 Dig It Article – 50 Club points.  
 Fairbook Cover – 10 per entry/100 max.



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